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[Report No. 113-477]

To provide for expedited approval of exportation of natural gas to World Trade Organization countries, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 6, 2014

Mr. GARDNER (for himself, Mr. RYAN of Ohio, Mr. UPTON, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. WHITFIELD, Mr. BARTON, Mr. OLSON, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, Mr. GUTHRIE, Mrs. ELLMERS, Mr. GINGREY of Georgia, Mr. BURGESS, Mr. JOHNSON of Ohio, Mr. LANCE, Mr. CASSIDY, Mr. SCALISE, Mr. LATTA, Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia, Mr. PITTS, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Mr. HALL, Mr. TURNER, Mr. BOUSTANY, and Mr. WOMACK) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Energy and Commerce

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Additional sponsors: Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. CONAWAY, Mr. CRAMER, Mr. McCAUL, Mr. ROYCE, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. FRANKS of Arizona, Mr. HENSARLING, Mr. FARENTHOLD, Mr. NEUGEBAUER, Mrs. CAPITO, Mr. COFFMAN, Mr. DENT, Mr. BRIDENSTINE, Mrs. BLACK, Mr. COSTA, Mr. SESSIONS, Mr. STIVERS, Mr. CULBERSON, Mr. MEADOWS, Mr. COLLINS of New York, Mrs. BLACKBURN, Mr. WEBER of Texas, Mr. TERRY, Mrs. BROOKS of Indiana, Mr. KELLY of Pennsylvania, Mr. SCHWEIKERT, Mr. GOSAR, Mr. MARCHANT, Mr. FLORES, Mr. BARLETTA, Mr. PALAZZO, Mrs. LUMMIS, Mr. THOMPSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Mr. RENACCI, Mr. KLINE, Mr. HINOJOSA, and Mr. LAMBORN

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Reported with an amendment, committed to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, and ordered to be printed

[Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert the part printed in *italic*]

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Domestic Prosperity
5 and Global Freedom Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. AMENDMENTS.**

7 Section 3(e) of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C.
8 717b(e)) is amended—

9 (1) by inserting “(1)” before “For purposes”;

10 (2) by striking “a nation with which there is in
11 effect a free trade agreement requiring national
12 treatment for trade in natural gas” and inserting “a
13 World Trade Organization member nation”; and

14 (3) by adding at the end the following:

15 “(2) For purposes of this subsection, the term ‘World
16 Trade Organization member nation’ means a country de-
17 scribed in section 2(10) of the Uruguay Round Agree-
18 ments Act (19 U.S.C. 3501(10)).”.

19 **SEC. 3. PENDING APPLICATIONS.**

20 Any application for authorization to export natural
21 gas under section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C.
22 717b) for which a notice has been published in the Federal
23 Register before March 6, 2014, shall be granted without
24 modification or delay.

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2 *This Act may be cited as the “Domestic Prosperity and*
3 *Global Freedom Act”.*

4 **SEC. 2. ACTION ON APPLICATIONS.**

5 *(a) DECISION DEADLINE.—The Department of Energy*
6 *shall issue a decision on any application for authorization*
7 *to export natural gas under section 3 of the Natural Gas*
8 *Act (15 U.S.C. 717b) not later than 90 days after the later*
9 *of—*

10 *(1) the end of the comment period for such deci-*
11 *sion as set forth in the applicable notice published in*
12 *the Federal Register; or*

13 *(2) the date of enactment of this Act.*

14 *(b) JUDICIAL ACTION.—(1) The United States Court*
15 *of Appeals for the circuit in which the export facility will*
16 *be located pursuant to an application described in sub-*
17 *section (a) shall have original and exclusive jurisdiction*
18 *over any civil action for the review of—*

19 *(A) an order issued by the Department of En-*
20 *ergy with respect to such application; or*

21 *(B) the Department of Energy’s failure to issue*
22 *a decision on such application.*

23 *(2) If the Court in a civil action described in para-*
24 *graph (1) finds that the Department of Energy has failed*
25 *to issue a decision on the application as required under*
26 *subsection (a), the Court shall order the Department of En-*

1 *ergy to issue such decision not later than 30 days after the*
2 *Court's order.*

3 (3) *The Court shall set any civil action brought under*
4 *this subsection for expedited consideration and shall set the*
5 *matter on the docket as soon as practical after the filing*
6 *date of the initial pleading.*

7 **SEC. 3. PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF EXPORT DESTINATIONS.**

8 *Section 3 of the Natural Gas Act (15 U.S.C. 717b) is*
9 *amended by adding at the end the following:*

10 “(g) **PUBLIC DISCLOSURE OF LNG EXPORT DESTINA-**
11 **TIONS.**—*As a condition for approval of any authorization*
12 *to export LNG, the Secretary of Energy shall require the*
13 *applicant to publicly disclose the specific destination or des-*
14 *tinations of any such authorized LNG exports.”.*

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